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THE JAMESTOWN EXHIBITION.

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LONDON, May 6. The Battenberg Cup, offered for competition between the World's navies at the Jamestown Exhibition has been won by a crew from H. M. S. "Argyll."

MOROCCO.

A Serious Movement.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, May 6. The populace of Marrakech, Morocco, on April 27, proclaimed Muley Hafid Sultan, of Morocco, released the murderers of Dr. Mauchamp and re-instated the deposed Governor.

[Dr. Mauchamp, a French doctor residing at Marrakech, was most brutally assassinated by a fanatical crowd in that city on March 18. It appears that he had placed a pole above his house to serve for a survey of the town which was being made by a French scientific mission. The natives, believing it to be an installation of wireless telegraphy, crowded in front of the building in which the doctor was distributing medicine to the poor. Hearing the rabble shouting, Dr. Mauchamp left the house and was immediately set upon with stones, sticks, and knives and done to death. The crowd then looted his residence. The same afternoon the rabble gathered before the British Consular Agency, which is situated in the residence of Kaid Sir Harry Maclean in the very centre of the city. The inmates and the guards had great difficulty in closing the doors, and fortunately there are no windows on the ground floor. The crowd attacked the house, breaking the windows, shutters, &c., and the inmates were obliged to open fire upon the people. Eventually assistance arrived and the crowd dispersed. Other Europeans took refuge in the walled Jewish quarter. France took prompt action in this matter and a force of three battalions of Zouaves and the Foreign Legion and two companies of Artillery occupied the Moroccan town of Ujdah on March 22—eleven days after the murder. The men-of-war "Jeanne d'Arc" and "Lalande" were also despatched to Tangier. A demand for the immediate settlement of all French claims were sent in and an indemnity for Dr. Mauchamp's murder also claimed.—Ed., D.M.]

GREAT BRITAIN AND TURKEY.

LONDON, May 5. The British Embassy at Constantinople has applied to the Porte for the refund of Mr. Abbott's ransom.

TENNIS.

An American Victory.

LONDON, May 5. In the Champion Tennis match, Jas. Gould beat E. H. Miles by 3/2. (The defeat of Mr. E. H. Miles in the Tennis Championship is another instance of youth being served. For the past seven years—from 1899 to 1906—Mr. Miles has won the Amateur Tennis Championship of England and from 1897 to 1900—with one exception, 1900—he has also won the M. C. C. gold medal. For five years—from 1898 to 1903—he was Amateur Champion of the World, losing the title in 1904 and regaining it again in 1905. In 1900, whilst in America, he won the Amateur Championship of America at Racquet, Tennis and Squash Tennis.)

Mr. Jay Gould, Junior, is an American Champion. He has had several attempts to win the English Championship, but until this year has been unsuccessful. At Boston (U. S. A.) on March 23, this year, Mr. Gould defeated Mr. J. C. Mayo thus refighting the Amateur Championship of America.—Ed., D.M.]

IRISH INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

LONDON, May 5. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has opened the Irish International Exhibition.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.

LONDON, May 5. St. Petersburg wires that the protocol of the Russo-Japanese Fisheries Convention has been signed.

SWEDISH EAST-ASIATIC COMPANY.

New Steamer Service.

LONDON, May 5. A Swedish-Asiatic Company, with a capital of £337,000, subsidised by the Government, has been formed, to run a

steam service to the Far East, and subsequently to pursue commercial and industrial undertakings. The Company will act in connection with the Danish East Asiatic Co.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S VISIT.

LONDON, May 5. The battleships "Hindutan" and "Britannia" have arrived at Dover to await the arrival of Prince Fushimi.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

Dr. Little's Views.

LONDON, May 5. Dr. Archibald Little, now at home from China, interviewed by a representative of Reuters, said that for China to request India to reduce opium shipments is a farce. The Indian opium is but a drop in a bucket of the consumption, which is almost confined to the coast towns. Dr. Little thinks that the Imperial Government will be very foolish if it interferes with the Indian production before it is convinced that the Chinese Government is able and willing to abolish the cultivation in China.

SHANGHAI'S CRIME BREEDING GROUND.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, May 3.

There has been nasty little tragedies to worry our contentment this week and we look with some considerable alarm at the rapid growth of lawlessness within the Settlement, especially in the Hongkong district. Give a dog a bad name and—well, I won't go on because you know the adage—but the little thing properly called does apply to Hongkong. We all rise about the misconduct of its residents and they go from bad to worse because they realise what is expected of them and it would seem they dislike to disappoint us. The natives view with the foreigners to present a weekly calendar of misdeeds, but this week, perhaps as a rest from the doings of the "Armenian Atrocities," the Chinese take the most prominent place in the war of crime. Two murders in one week is pretty rapid for a supposedly well managed Settlement, and this to follow upon a flagrant case of highway robbery is disquieting.

Some days back a wall-to-do Chinese merchant was held up by an armed desperado in one of our busiest streets and as he had no money was obliged to part with his jewellery. No trace of the robber has been discovered and we are wondering whether he is one of the band accountable for the death of poor young Morrow. In the murder cases one was the result of a free fight amongst some carpenters in which a man was killed, but the sadder and more alarming murder was that of a respectable Chinese clerk in a foreign office. Evidently hearing some noise, he descended the rickety stairs of his house there to be dashed upon by a robber who stabbed him several times in the abdomen, speedily causing his death. Fortunately the noise of the struggle reached the outside world and a native policeman acting with surprising courage and promptitude was able to capture the assailant who has been sent into the native City for trial.

A perilous experience in a cyclone fell to the lot of the French ship "Rancagua" on her passage from Iquique to Sydney. This voyage, which occupied 82 days, was marked by fine weather, till passing New Caledonia. There the weather became unsettled, and on March 27 the cyclonic storm burst on the ship with hurricane fury. The ship was between Middleton Reef and New Caledonia at the time. The wind came away first from east-south-east, and on the night of the 28th the storm was at its height. There was a mountainous sea running, which tossed the ship about like a cork, and eventually the hurricane squalls forced her on her beam ends. In this perilous position she lay throughout the whole of one night. When daylight broke a full in the storm occurred, and enabled the ship to right herself. The wind finally came out from north-west and blew as hard as ever. For 12 hours, but the ship proved her staunchness throughout, and came through unharmed. The experience, however, is not likely to be soon forgotten by the crew, whose lives were in great danger owing to the big sea sweeping all over the ship. Three dogs, the property of the captain, were swept overboard, and lost during the storm. On making the coast light winds set in, and continued until Sydney Heads were reached.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:— On the 7th at 12 25 p.m. The barometer is rising over Japan, and pressure has also increased on the China coast, particularly in the North.

The depression has passed to the E. of Japan. Pressure is highest over Central China. It is slightly low over the Pacific to the E. of Formosa.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the Renssela Channel, and moderate variable winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 3.12 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. winds, moderate or fresh; thunder showers. 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

SHANGHAI RACES.

The following results, which we publish by the courtesy of the Chairman of the Jockey Club (Mr. H. P. White), were received after we went to press yesterday:—

THE PO-MA-TING CUP.—One Mile. Value, Tls. 250. Second pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies, being bona fide griffins at date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, Tls. 5. Mr. Quobee's Myda (Mr. Moller) 1. Mr. Ballu's Sagittarius (Mr. Schorr) 2. Uncle Charlie's Controller (Mr. T. Wats) 3.

THE HART LEMAY CUP.—Half a Mile. Presented by the late Mr. James Hart. Value, Tls. 100 with Tls. 150 added. Second pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, Tls. 5. Mr. Twocoe's Hokoku (Mr. Cumming) 1. Mr. Manchester's Snippet (Mr. Raiton) 2. Mr. N. W. Hickling's Maybury (Mr. Johnston) 3.

THE JOCKEY CUP.—One Mile. Value, Tls. 500. Second pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies that have never won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 5 lbs. To be ridden by Jockeys who have never had more than two winning mounts at Shanghai, Hongkong or Tientsin. Jockeys: non-winners allowed 5 lbs.; winners of one race, weight for inches as per scale; winners of two races, 7 lbs. extra. Entrance, Tls. 5. Mr. Fairbrother's Rancagua (Mr. Brand) 1. Mr. Ballu's Aris (Mr. Schorr) 2. Mr. Tennik's Moonlight (Mr. Skinner) 3.

THE KANGSUI CUP.—One Mile and Three Quarters.—Value, Tls. 250. Second pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never won an official race allowed 5 lbs. Entrance, Tls. 5. Messrs. Toog and Spooler's Chohals (Mr. Vuillamoir) 1. Mr. Ballu's Septima (Mr. Schorr) 2. Mr. John Peel's Quorn (Mr. Johnston) 3.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.—One Mile and a Quarter.—Value, Tls. 300. Second pony, Tls. 100. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies, being bona fide griffins at date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of any race, 7 lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never won an official race allowed 5 lbs. Entrance, Tls. 5. Messrs. Bruce and Robson's Sandfly (Mr. Burkill) 1. Mr. Ballu's Merkuris (Mr. Schorr) 2. Mr. G. H. Potts' Mongul King (Mr. Cumming) 3.

THE CHILLI CUP.—One Mile. Value, Tls. 200. Second pony, Tls. 50. Third pony, Tls. 25. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners, 10 lbs. extra. Entrance, Tls. 5. Mr. Mellor's Mira (Mr. Burkill) 1. Mr. Arghess' Bombardier (Mr. Jones) 2. Mr. Richmond's Spindrift (Mr. Campbell) 3.

To-day's Events.

THE CHU-KA-ZA CUP.—Three-quarters of a Mile.—Value, Tls. 250. Second pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of a race at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never won an official race allowed 5 lbs. Entrance, Tls. 5. Mr. W. H. Potts' Heather King (Mr. Cumming) 1. Mr. John Peel's Outworld (Mr. Johnston) 2. Mr. Quobee's Burie (Mr. Moller) 3.

THE SEASONAL DERBY.—One Mile and a half. Value, Tls. 750. Second pony, Tls. 200. Third pony, Tls. 100. For China ponies, being bona fide griffins at date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, Tls. 15. Mr. W. H. Potts' Manchu King (Mr. Cumming) 1. Mr. Quobee's Myda (Mr. Moller) 2. Messrs. Oswald and Hunter's Ravenshoe (Mr. Wats) 3.

This is the first occasion since 1899 that one of the "Kings" has won the Shanghai Derby. In that year Messrs. Midy and Falk's "Forest King" won from "Scottsman." With "Shannon" second, Mr. G. H. Potts was a member of Midy and Falk's syndicate.

THE MOSCOW PLATE.—One Mile and a Quarter.—Value, Tls. 50 Third pony, Tls. 25. For Subscription Griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; two races 10 lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never won an official race allowed 5 lbs. Entrance, Tls. 5. Messrs. Nephew and Robson's Rhinogold (Mr. Hoyne) 1. Messrs. Oswald and Hunter's Pismo (Mr. Burkill) 2. Messrs. W. H. Potts' Kafir King (Mr. Cumming) 3.

THE RACE CLUB CUP.—Two Miles.—Value, Tls. 250. Second pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, third pony, Tls. 50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. 5 lbs. allowed to any pony that has never won a race of one mile and a half or over. Entrance, Tls. 5. Mr. John Peel's Quorn (Mr. Johnston) 1. Mr. H. Morris' Heathfield (Mr. Wright) 2. Mr. Quobee's Comanche (Mr. Moller) 3.

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Mr. R. Baker ... 61+9=70
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Mr. P. J. Woodhouse ... 61+9=70
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Mr. A. W. J. Watt ... 61+9=70
Mr. W. W. Terrey ... 61+9=70
Mr. C. Bond ... 61+9=70
Mr. D. Willis ... 61+9=70
Mr. A. S. Gabbay ... 61+9=70
Mr. E. Jones ... 61+9=70
Mr. W. J. Saunders ... 61+9=70
The Hon. Mr. F. H. May ... 61+9=70
Mr. A. S. Tuxford ... 61+9=70

There were 69 entries for this competition. The first monthly shoot for the Cup presented by Sir H. B. Berkeley, K. C., Chairman of the Association, at 600 yards range resulted as follows:—

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There were 75 entries for this competition which bids fair to be a most popular one. The new 600 yards firing point at King's Park has now been set out and it is hoped that it will be ready for the next monthly shoot for Sir H. B. Berkeley's cup on the 25th inst.

It will not be possible to shoot for the Cup presented by Mr. H. P. White until the 800 yards firing point at the Peak Range is made. The site has been pointed out to the P. W. D. Officials who will make the matter in hand.

GOLF.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB. The monthly competitions for the Captain's Cup and May Cup were held at Happy Valley from the 4th to 6th May, 1927. The following cards were handed in:

CAPTAIN'S CUP.
* Dr. G. M. Harston ... 88-10=78
* Mr. J. R. Boyes ... 88-10=78
* Mr. A. Gittins ... 88-10=78
Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson ... 88-10=78
Mr. E. H. Hinds ... 88-10=78
* L. C. B. Down ... 88-10=78

MAY CUP.
* Mr. S. G. Neval ... 108-20=88
Capt. E. Beetham ... 113-20=93
* Mr. F. C. Hall ... 113-20=94

POLL.
* Mr. J. R. Boyes ... 94-17=76
Major W. A. F. Williamson ... 88-9=79
Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson ... 95-14=81
Mr. E. H. Hinds ... 99-18=81
Capt. E. Beetham ... 113-28=95

* Tie for Captain's Cup.
* Winner of May Cup.
* Winner of Pool.

ANTI-OPIUM CRUSADE.

PEKING, April 24. The efforts of H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai towards prohibiting opium-smoking among the Chinese officials, merchants and people in the metropolitan province especially at Tientsin and Peking is producing wonderful results; many of the wealthy officials, bankers and Government employees at these two cities have already stopped the vicious habit. In former times when one entered into an office or a shop, one would find at least one lamp and pipe for smoking purposes; now there is no trace of such things. All the hotels, inns and houses of entertainment in the Chinese city, and some of the foreign concessions at Tientsin, with the exception of the French, Austrian and Russian Settlements where the opium dens will be closed at the end of June next, are strictly prohibited from keeping lamps and pipes for opium-smoking. Many proprietors of such establishments in the Chinese quarter were recently fined and punished by the Chinese authorities for breaking the order of H. E. Yuan in this respect by privately selling opium to their customers. As an encouragement to poor smokers, H. E. Yuan has issued instructions to the Tientsin Magistrate and the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce commanding them to co-operate in the establishment of as many anti-opium houses as possible so that those who cannot afford to purchase anti-opium pills themselves may receive assistance; on account of this a large number of indigent smokers have now got rid of their burden and become good and healthy citizens. By order of H. E. Yuan, Dr. Chiu, Director of the Tientsin sanitary office, examined and analyzed many kinds of anti-opium pills and medicines, which are sold by Chinese druggists in Peking, Tientsin and Pootung, with the view to finding out whether there are any morphine or even opium in them, because such would be more destructive and harmful to the body of the smoker than the prepared opium. So far, therefore, as Chihli is concerned, the firm steps taken by H. E. Yuan against the opium habit are a marked success.—N.O. Daily News.

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SHANGHAI MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, May 2.

A DAY OF REST.

Sunday was, of course, an off-day, except for the preachers who had been appointed to the various churches. In the Cathedral, Bishops Mole and Cassels occupied the pulpit morning and evening respectively. The pulpit of the Union Church was filled by Dr. Bevan, of Australia, in the morning, and Dr. Koedridge at night. The congregation in this church was great, chairs being used in the aisle. For the evening service a large heating apparatus had been removed to make room for seats. After the usual services the Town Hall was crowded at night at 8.30, and those who went were well repaid for their trouble.

EDUCATION IN CHINA.

A very influential committee had been appointed to prepare resolutions on this important topic, still the trend of feeling was towards closer federation so as to avoid waste and overlapping. Dr. Hawks Pott was in charge of the committee's resolutions and he handled them very efficiently. In addition he showed a willingness to accept further amendments and even additional resolutions which expedited business. It appeared from the discussion that after the mission work of the north had been destroyed by the Boxer outbreak the older missionaries had joined in College work, and in the main the attempt was quite satisfactory. It is true that a note of warning was heard here and there, and one brother in the debate said, amid much laughter, "after the efforts put forth to attain practical unity we find it perhaps—perhaps, no more easy to love our neighbour as ourselves than before." Still the attempt, judging from the reports, is satisfactory.

The resolutions, as might be expected, advised an increased effort to push forward all kinds of education, which, however, should all be permeated by the Christian spirit. Dr. Gibson, the Chairman, spoke and urged a sympathetic attitude towards the Government schools. He reported that he had been invited to give lectures to native students in Swatow by the highest official there and he had delivered five. He was first of all requested to send in the topics suggested for approval by the Magistrate and the only one rejected was strangely enough "The advantages of intercommunion between educated men of China and the West. It was amusing, Dr. Gibson said, that this lecture was taboed, whilst what was going on was the actual thing condemned, and this in the first instance requested by the official himself. It was proposed by the Conference to establish, if possible, not less than one normal training college in every province of the empire. Everybody knows how imperfectly equipped Chinese teachers are, and yet teachers are at present more needed than any one else. Of course the passing of the resolution leaves much to be done. At the latest estimate there must be one educational enthusiast thoroughly competent in each province or the conference resolution can come to anything practical, and even that probably will be found insufficient, but the dreams of the conference were even vaster than this. There was a resolution to establish one Christian university in China. Some able teachers were delivered on this. Bishop Bashford, of the A.M.E.M., spoke strongly in favour of it. He pointed out that now was the time to attempt such a creation. If it were left undone China, like Japan, would come forward and establish their own and the opportunity would be lost for ever. On the other hand some thought the undertaking was too great and even beyond the province of the Christian Church in China. This is a government undertaking and should be founded by national funds. In the end this great subject was recommended to the Committee which will report to the Conference closes.

A CROWDED FUNCTION. The emergency Committee and organization of rich American laymen who are interested in Mission work invited all the Conference to an "At Home" at the Astor House Hotel on Monday afternoon, and quite a thousand guests were present. These gentlemen, in small groups, have been travelling in China studying missionary problems, and arranged to meet in Shanghai to be present at the Conference. They therefore gave this "At Home" and personally welcomed all the guests. Our recent Governor in Hongkong did a good deal of handshaking at times but perhaps passed through such an ordeal in this regard as did these gentlemen. Extensive preparations had been made moreover to provide for the inner man of those present and the two hours, except for the crush, passed pleasantly enough. Friends from different parts of the great Empire met and chatted and thoroughly enjoyed the reunion.

MR. REARCE'S LECTURE. The Rev. T. W. Pearce delivered his lecture in the Town Hall to a large audience. It was just the same, though somewhat elaborated, as that delivered in the City Hall, Hongkong, some two months ago. He was provided with the same literary evidences of Morrison's immense mental activity, and those who heard the lecturer were well repaid for the hour and ten minutes given to the task. Before the lecture commenced the Secretaries of the Morrison memorial of Canton were allowed an opportunity of stating the object which the Canton Committee had in view in order to perpetuate the memory of the great missionary and subscriptions were solicited in aid of this object. Slips and pencils were provided for the convenience of those who sympathized and were prepared to give. There was not yet heard what sums were promised.

THE DEBATE ON EVANGELICAL WORK.

This debate came on Thursday at a full Conference, for, after all, this is the main object missionaries have in view in coming to China. The debate was on a high level and those who spoke were not so wishful to criticize the propositions of the Committee as to emphasize the importance of his ideal of mission work. It was enforced that all efforts and all workers should labour with this end in view. Medical men, educationalists, writers, and all others should remember that they failed if they failed here. At one part of the debate twenty minutes were given up to two minute speeches that should contain one incident or one bit of experience. Indeed, the Conference was transformed into a Methodist experience meeting. Ultimately, with no dissentient voice, the propositions were all accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The last half hour on Tuesday was devoted to the remaining resolutions on the Church in China, left over from the first day of the Conference. They had been slightly amended but they went through and were accepted with little trouble. A friend whispered to me "If you want to see a debatable question put through with little opposition choose the end of a long day when the members have had enough and want a little freedom and a cup of tea" yet in this case there was no shirking of serious difficulties. There was only an absence of unnecessary criticism.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

The whole Conference whilst in session was photographed twice yesterday. It remains to be seen what the result will be. In a crowded hall when some time exposure is necessary it is likely that there will be some movement. To-day there will be a second photograph taken in the grounds of the British Consulate.

SECTIONAL REUNION.

At the close of Tuesday the different missionaries of the large churches that work in China, for example the Methodists from Canada, America and Great Britain, also the Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists, met respectively to discuss the problem of Re-union. Each denomination is attempting to find a *modus operandi* by which the several units of one particular church can unite so that one Chinese church of that particular denomination can be founded. The task may be difficult, but something will be effected.

FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

Thus the Peking and Tientsin China and Times of April 27.—The following is a notification issued by the Chihli Office of Native Opium Consolidated Taxation concerning the cultivation of the poppy:—

"Having been informed that there are unlawful people, pretending to be Yamen runners, who blackmail farmers under cover of the Imperial Edict prohibiting the cultivation of the poppy leading the farmers to think that it is necessary to change their profession, and sometimes resulting in the land being uncultivated, let it be known that the growing of poppies is not to be discontinued. Although the Edict orders the suppression of opium smoking the cultivation of the poppy is not to be stopped at once, but gradually, in ten years. This is the instruction of the Government.

"The land in which poppy is grown is not to be taxed, and the plant may be grown in any part of the country provided one consolidated tax is paid. If opium is suppressed a great source of Revenue for the State Treasury will be removed, and it would therefore suffer great injury, should no steps be taken to prevent these blackmailers from carrying out their schemes. The public is therefore notified that the poppy farmers are to attend to their business as usual, and in case any attempt is made to blackmail them let them at once bring the persons concerned before this office, which will hand them over to the local authorities for punishment."

The above is the most extraordinary collection of contradictory statements that has ever been our fortune to read. It gives the lie direct to every proposition on China's part of a desire to abolish the opium vice, and in addition, in the first sentence, by the words "the Imperial Edict prohibiting the cultivation of the poppy" it nullifies the value of the order to the farmers to "attend to their business as usual." In addition to this, it will be remembered that we published yesterday a Court Order which cautioned all officials concerned against any negligence in checking the cultivation of the poppy, and threatening those who failed in their duty with stringent punishment.

If poppy cultivation is prohibited there can be only one reason for telling the cultivators to continue their labours, and that is to obviate any sudden, and therefore, less easily borne financial loss. But H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai has used the most drastic measures to abolish opium smoking among his officials and servants, and it seems to us a rather childish proceeding to cultivate poppy which no one dare buy. We have many occasions had the pleasure of drawing the attention of the public to the great and far-reaching reforms instituted by His Excellency, Yuan, and this notification appears to us so astounding that we cannot believe it is the work of the Viceroy. It should all events prove interesting reading for the Indian and Imperial Governments.

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MATTERS FEMININE.

Betty's London Letter.

LONDON, April 5.

THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING.—England is smiling all over her face. Since I last wrote the curtain of winter has rolled up and presented to us Spring complete. Does one take but the shortest of railway journeys into the country, one sees banks of primroses, wild woods and clearings carpeted with this same lovely flower. The almond trees are in full bloom, and are long the cherry trees and pear trees will be a mass of glorious blossom. One grudge every minute spent in town, at this season of the year. The country calls to come and see its beauties. The cockney would say "In London we have the Parks, see how beautiful they are." I reply that the London Parks at their best are but pavements disguised with a growth of grass, and nowhere there can one be free from the sound of the omnibus, or the dust and hoot of the steamy patrol. The only person who really enjoys the park is the vagrant who seems able to sleep the noisy hours away lying on the grass, giving lie to the statement that Satan always finds mischief for idle hands to do.

BARRISTS.—It would appear that the national conscience is in revolt against the employment of women as barristers, which it considers demoralizing. As a consequence, barristers are making the lives of Ministers a burden, for they are arriving here in town in hundreds, to speak for the thousands of women whose livelihood is in danger. Indeed one Minister remarked the other day that what with the ladies who want to get into Parliament and the ladies who wish to be called to the bar, the life of a member of Parliament at the present moment is scarcely worth living.

SENNO FASHIONS.—The blouse is just now a neck-tight feature of dress as it always is when nothing very decided is known concerning future modes, though fashions and the dressmaker are constantly protesting against its popularity. Just now I believe blouses are prettier than ever they were and prettier than ever they will be. Much is expected of Japan where materials for blouses are being upholstered in colours for exportation. The skill of the Japanese embroiderer is well known and novel effects are looked for. Yet our home productions may compare with them and lose nothing by comparison. What can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this is an advantage not likely to be overlooked. With a change of style, what can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this is an advantage not likely to be overlooked. With a change of style, what can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this is an advantage not likely to be overlooked. With a change of style, what can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this is an advantage not likely to be overlooked. With a change of style, what can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this is an advantage not likely to be overlooked. With a change of style, what can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this is an advantage not likely to be overlooked. With a change of style, what can be more charming than a Cluny lace slip, fashioned with elegant simplicity and finished with edging of Tordone lace to be worn over soft silk? If soiled the lace will clean and then look equal to new; this

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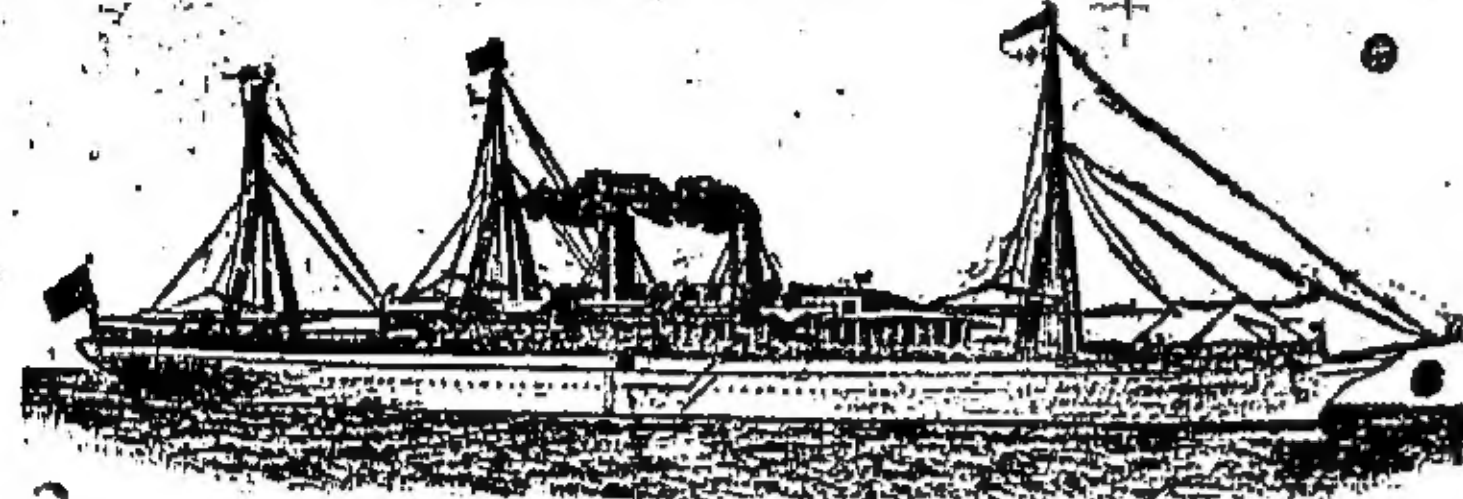
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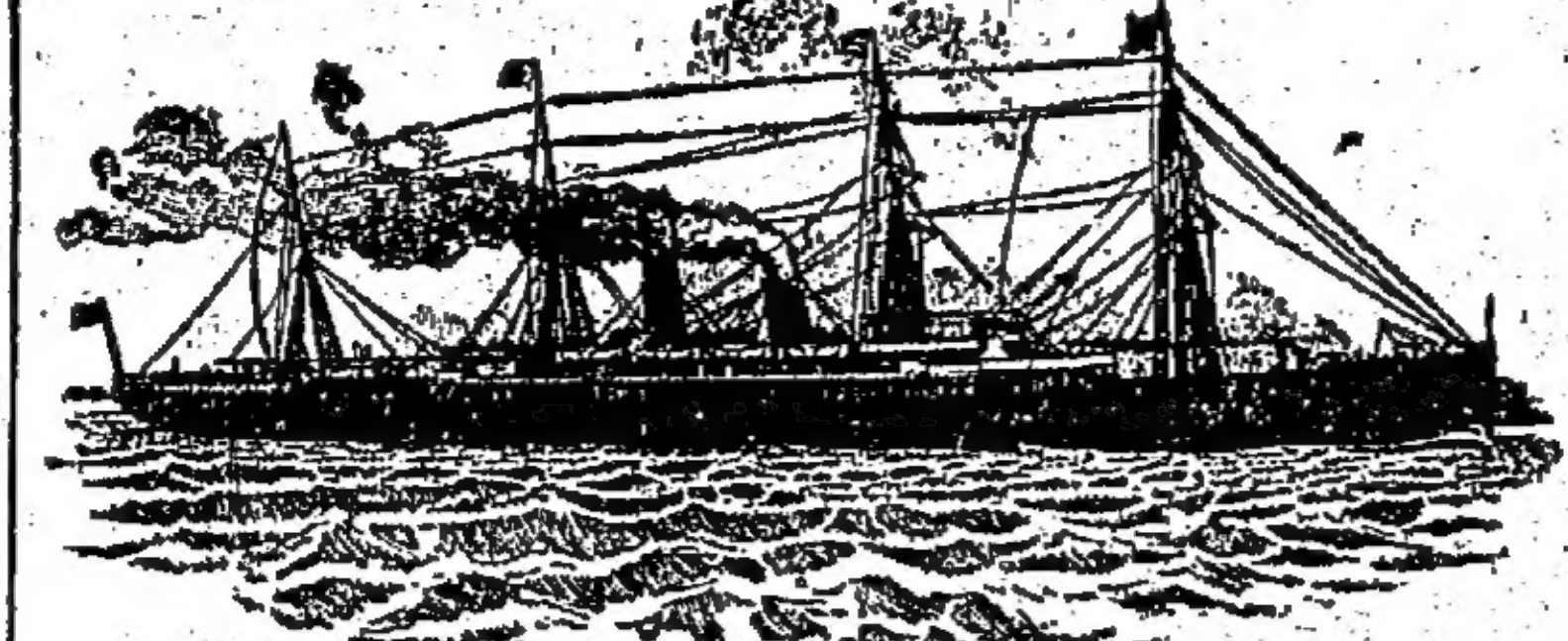
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About WEDNESDAY, 8th May.

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THURSDAY, 23rd May, at Noon.

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Hongkong, April 26, 1907.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1907.

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S.S. ERNEST GIGNON.....July 23, 1907.

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Hongkong, May 2, 1907.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE.

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THE Steamship HELIOPOLIS.

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For Freight, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 25, 1907.

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THE Steamship NORMAN PRINCE.

Captain BARRETT, will be despatched for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 28, 1907.

Shipping.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

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Captain S. H. Belson, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, May 6, 1907.

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Captain DODERO, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 10th inst., at Noon.

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Hongkong, May 6, 1907.

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